

THE TRAFALGAR GANG

PART ONE

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Over the skyline of the CITY OF ANGELS f lies a helicopter over the roofs of the buildings until it sets down on Houston towers. MATT HOUSTON walks out to greet them. They step

out of the cockpit as Walt Besom comes out of the stairwell a stocky middle aged man with Hawaiian shirt .

WALT BASCOM Is this a private party or can anyone join.

MOSS Greeting Walt

The three men walk over to the stairwell leading down from the roof and descend to Matt"s penthouse. They enter and make there way over to his lounge where MATT HOUSTON turns on a huge monitor that covers most of the far wall.Walt Besom takes a seat over by the fire and accepts a drink from Dorothy

WALT BASCOM I"ve got a Senate sub commitee meeting in order to discuss banning hand grenades from high schools in two hours, guys .

MATT HOUSTON You all know why we are here guy's, I need to find a group of kids with star potential in England. OLIVER

MOSS .My predictive department says that a team of young Brits could aid our quest to make a more optimistic healthy society .

MATT HOUSTON I tell you Walt it's going to take a miracle to make these Limmies saleable to a global market.

WALT BASCOM Who can unite the planets in a way hitherto thought impossible OLIVER MOSS And fly an F-16 fighter plane in Virtual combat in an arcade games

Dorothy, send a memo to all foundation personnel in England .Find STRINGFELLOW SHAW,

Dorathy gets out her foundation Filofax and matching pen, Oliver gets off his stool and goes over to the large wall screen .

MOSS Even now my agents are scouring both cities to find him.

As the OLIVER MOSS screen saver is replaced by letters from Dorothy's filofax the synthesised ambidextrous voice says .

WE, BELIVE OUR STAR IS CALLED STRINGFELLOW SHAW , AND HE LIVES IN NEWTOWN IN ENGLAND

Extract from the Diary of STRINGFELLOW SHAW.....

This is my story,relay to you via the fictionalisation department of

the Oliver Moss Foundation, from diary entries and witness testimony.

Dad used to swing a sledgehammer for BRIGHTON COUNCIL and when Mum hit the bottle he took early retirement to wear a tweed sports jacket and drink real ale .

STRINGFELLOW SHAW Time I got to work mum, you get yourself to Iceland, the frozen chicken is £1 off and that chest freezer must be filled THIGHS and DRUMSTICKS .

He watches his mother amble out through moon beams created by her carpet slippers, and then leaps out of bed to get ready for school. His best friend has texted to say he'll be waiting near the canal and so he Straightens his cap at a rakish angle and leaves his front garden turning left up the road. Luck is on his side and David Manning and crosses towards him .

STRINGFELLOW SHAW How was your holiday

DAVID MANNING The last two weeks have been a disaster mate. Waters off till the council comes and flushes our drains.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW Not the Duke of Wellington in drain pipe trousers Yesterday you lost your keys and you asked me to shimmy up the drain pipe and let you in by the front door .

DAVID MANNING You ready for school then .On a lighter note, the cabbages at our allotment have come out this summer and our crop has won first prize.

They continue up the street and come to Newtown woods where another school friend, Ann Fitzgerald is walking up ahead of them. She is oblivious to them as there are headphones sticking out of her ears and MANNING lightly pulls the left speaker .

DAVID MANNING How are you ANN

ANN FITZGERALD I went top the seaside harbour and

UNCLE MACREA took us on his GALION SAILING SHIP . We made a record crossing in gail forse winds to CORNWALL.

.STRINGFELLOW SHAW we PLAYED rounders AT THE RECREATION GROUND,

He walks on ahead and David calls after him [try to get to school before he calls the register mate.]

James Grianger is walking along the canal with his dog Muttley when Keith Forsit runs past,

KEITH FAUCET I'm late for a class , James, and I can't remember if they are beginners or intermediate students. Are they black belts or brown?

JAMES STONER My dog has a better memory than you keith he never loses a stool sample.

KEITH FAUCET I forget which hall I'm going to , that's why

I'm always in a hurry, my youth friend.

JAMES GRAINGER Oh now you're working .I've thought about joining your self defence classes Keith , so can you give me some advice.

KEITH FAUCET I teach Karate to executives and hair stylists in their late twenties.

JAMES GRAINGER So, you don't think that I will fit in with them , Keith , is that it

KEITH FAUCET Its just that they are older and into karati and you, with your frame should perhaps try Judo. Its passive defensive system developed to save the dignity of half pints such as you .

JAMES GRAINGER Thanks for the confidence boost Keith, you don't realize how difficult it is being a child star.

KEITH FAUCET [If only I could remember where my Dojo was on a Monday morning].

He jogs on towards the council building.

On his way to school STRINGFELLOW takes the shortcut through the canal just as James's clips a lead on his German Shepard dog ..

JAMES GRAINGER I've been here for half an hourS mate, where's your excuse for making me stand here like a prize marrow.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW I had to help me Mum loads up the chest freezer in the garage with frozen thighs and drumsticks . The two friends walk over the bridge on their way to school, just as the mothers and toddlers group is taking a break watching ducks glide past below.

JAMES GRAINGER talking of thighs and drumsticks the mothers and toddlers are showing a bit of leg

Let's get to school , then my son Its home economics first lesson with our ha form master.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW Terrific , I have a long and illustrious career as a pastry chef waiting for one of us.

As the boys get to the school gates it has becomes dull and cloudy . it starts to rain as they recognize there form teacher KEVIN

FOTESQUE on his moped scooter, riding in through the side gates to the car park out .

They pass a the main school sign high above a wire fence and head straight in to the main gates.

STRINGFELLOW I see Charlton have picked up three points against Crystal Palace .

The grounds have been extended and a astate of the art concrete structure , a sixth form college separate from the main campus .

STRINGFELLOW SHAW That could be our HQ next year

James,

JAMES GRAINGER

I must ask for a tour of the new

building from our teacher

They enter through main doors with main assembly hall to there left then along a ground floor extension corridor hoping to beat there form master to there room.

All there friends are at class and STRINGFELLOW sits down next to LORA DENHAM with James to her left .

In walks there teacher Kevin , placing his motorcycle helmet on his desk

KEVIN FORTEQUE “

Good morning 5b,welcome back

. did you enjoy your Summer holiday

MICHAEL SULLIVAN

Oh yes lots of jolly walks in the

countryside sir

KEVIN FORTEQUE

No need for fancy gizmos here as

I know you're seeing Diana Bunker for history Sarah Dunlop for

French and Ian Chesterton for science and nature and you know

I'm your cook so let's get cracking .

Diana bunker comes in saying time to get to assembly .

KEVIN FORTEQUE

Ok let's go then try to bring your

cooking aprons on Thursday morning. Oh I just remembered I've

got those work placements for you hang on a minute don't rush off yet .

Michael Sullivan fires an elastic band at blackboard, missing Kevin by a hare"s whisker.

KEVIN FORTEQUE

It is time for the class of 5b to

decide on which work experience Placement to accept from

employers within the area .

MICHAEL SULLIVAN

I"m going to be a shop

assistant for the week .

STANLEY RATCHET

AND I'LL BE A

GARDNER .

KEVIN FORTEQUE

Unfortunately i can not offer

you a chairman position at ICI, as that role is taken by senior management.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW

I always wanted to be a train

driver, so its NETWORK SOUTH EAST for me (central) .

KEVIN FORTEQUE Choose your assignments out of the list that

you have been given. I cant send you to NASA, Let me have the

applications back and you will get your placement next week. Time to get to assembly know, so best of luck .

The boys and girls file out of class 5b and head down the brightly lit corridor to the middle of the building, then past the main doors and reception area to assembly hall where the rest of the school is

gathering. The staff are sitting at the back of a theatre curtain on a large stage behind a lectern, from where Headmaster MAURICE DENHAM, is standing.

Games mistress Bernice Summerfield steps out from behind a curtain after coming up from the school boiler room.

MAURICE DENHAM Welcome back to Cardinal Wolsey's, where we aim to stimulate and educate. For the new pupils I want to assure you that despite our name we don't shove history or Religion down your throat,

Kevin turns his head to Bernice "Don't sh1t around with love baby" causing them both to snigger noticeably.

WHEN THE RESULTS of work experience are given out in class STRINGFELLOW has reached his goal of working for the railways

He gets to Newtown railway station early and shows the station master his permit to work and as soon as is pushing a refreshments cart along the carriages .

Soft drinks, sir, Snacks crisps or peanuts available.

As he passes Joseph the Executive puts his foot out and it stalls trolley, making crisps fall on the floor, spilling coffee over him.

JOE CAPP You clumsy oik, this suit was cut buy hawks of Saville row youth man, and now there's coffee on it.

STRINGFELLOW SHAW I'm so sorry Sir Can I get you anything.

JOE CAPP Help me pick up my belongings and then go get me a towel to get this stain out.

STRINGFELLOW hands papers over to Joseph,

STRINGFELLOW SHAW Are you won't get that out with the tea towel .

JOE CAPP I know daddy but it's burning my legs . It's lucky I'm not sending British Rail the cleaning bill. This item does not belong to me .

He goes to his cabin and examines the business card.

It reads FANTASTIC OPERTUNITY

Are you a young firebrand looking for a new career. **A new life is waiting for you. HEAD OVER TO 🍷**

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